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Dear Mr. Lipton:

I am responding to your March 25, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for materials related to the funding, staffing, and activities of this office. The records you have requested are available to the public in our FOIA annual reports that are posted on our website. Please visit <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/foia/annualreports.html">https://www.ssa.gov/foia/annualreports.html</a> to access the reports. Pursuant to the FOIA, agencies are not required to provide FOIA requesters with records that are already available to the public.

If you have questions, or would like further assistance with your request, you may contact our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Public Liaison by email at <u>FOIA.Public.Liaison@ssa.gov</u>; by phone at 410-965-1727, by choosing Option 2; or facsimile at 410-966-0869.

You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration for dispute resolution services. OGIS is an entity outside of SSA that offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email at <a href="mailto:ogis@nara.gov">ogis@nara.gov</a>; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll-free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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If you disagree with this decision, you may file a written appeal with the Executive Director for the Office of Privacy and Disclosure, Social Security Administration, G-401 WHR, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted to <a href="FOIA.Public.Liaison@ssa.gov">FOIA.Public.Liaison@ssa.gov</a> within 90 days of the date of our response to your initial request. Please mark the envelope or subject line with "Freedom of Information Appeal."

Sincerely,

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Acting Privacy Officer